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Control No. 2205  
18 November 1955

ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of 13th Meeting

10:00 a.m., 10 November 1955

PRESENT

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[REDACTED] CIA, Chairman  
[REDACTED] CIA

Lt. Col. Brown, OSD  
Mr. Hamilton, AFOIN  
Mr. Reiss, Commerce  
Mr. Herman, Commerce  
Mr. Tilson, ICA/MDAC  
Miss Baldwin, ICA  
Miss Worthing, State/OIR  
Mrs. Young, State/ECD

25X1A9a [REDACTED] CIA, Acting Executive Secretary

1. Minutes, 6 October 1955 (EDIC/M-12)

Action:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 October were approved.

2. Free World Deliveries of New and Used Ships to the Sino-Soviet Bloc in 1954 and Proposed Construction as of 1 July 1955 (EDIC/ID-16, Revised)

Discussion:

The Chairman pointed out that this paper will be useful as background information for the intelligence conference to be held in Washington [REDACTED] on 21-23 November.

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Action:

It was agreed that the paper would be considered approved if no comments were received by Wednesday, 16 November.

(Since no comments were received, the paper has been approved.)

- 25X1X7 3. [REDACTED] Economic Defense Information  
(EDIC Case 12)

Discussion:

25X1X7 The data summarized in EDIC Control 6049 of 1 November 1955 have been cleared for discussion with [REDACTED] and 25X1X7  
are being transmitted to [REDACTED] Since the various 25X1X7  
agencies have agreed that a [REDACTED] information with 25X1X7  
25X1X7 [REDACTED] is not practicable at the present time, the MDAC member suggested that the EDIC case be closed.

Action:

It was agreed that Case 12 is closed.

4. Revision of Instructions for Reporting on Economic Relations with the Sino-Soviet Bloc (EDIC Case 14)

Discussion:

25X1A9a [REDACTED] Chairman of the EDIC Working Group on Collection Requirements, reported that a draft of the new Reporting Instructions is expected to be ready for distribution to EDIC members by 18 November. The Chairman of the Executive Committee of EDAC has requested that the paper, as accepted by EDIC, be sent to the Executive Committee for review and comment.

Action:

It was agreed that the EDIC draft would be sent to the Executive Committee of EDAC for review and comment.

5. Diversion of Strategic Material from South to North Korea (EDIC/IR-12)

Discussion:

The OSD member stated that information in response to this request is being made available to the requester (Commerce), but that security clearance has not been obtained for a formal report to all EDIC agencies.

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Action:

It was agreed in view of the above, that the Case would be closed.

6. Soviet Bloc Position and Use of Perchloric Acid and Perchlorates of Sodium, Potassium and Ammonia (EDIC/IR-17)

Discussion:

25X1A9a [REDACTED] CIA, suggested that a working group on Propellants be established to undertake a general study of propellants and fuel additives including such commodities as those listed in IR-17, together with colloxylin and magnesium.

Action:

It was agreed to establish an EDIC Working Group on Propellants and Fuel Additives, replacing the Working Group on Magnesium. Representatives previously appointed to the Working Group on Magnesium will constitute the new Working Group.

It was further agreed that EDIC/IR-17 would be referred to the Working Group on Propellants and Fuel Additives.

7. Soviet Attempts to Procure Colloxylin (EDIC/IR-18)

Action:

It was agreed that EDIC/IR-18 would be referred to the Working Group on Propellants and Fuel Additives.

8. Intelligence Relating to the Use of Boron Substances as Fuels (EDIC/ID-15, Revised)

Discussion:

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At the suggestion of the OSD member, [REDACTED] reported on the discussion by the Military Information Control Committee (MICC) on 9 November of the release to COCOM of EDIC/ID-15, Revised. Action was postponed by MICC pending clearance of the paper by AFOIN and G-2.

25X1A9a The OSD member stated that MICC members are showing increased awareness and understanding of the problems involved in preparation of materials for use in international negotiations. He suggested starting clearance actions earlier and paying greater attention to security aspects in the initial preparation of papers intended for such use. [REDACTED] suggested that advance briefing of MICC members might expedite clearances.

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9. Possible Transshipment of US-Origin Ferrotitanium and Ferrovandium from Western Europe to the Soviet Bloc (EDIC/IR-14)

Discussion:

The Chairman stated that CIA had prepared EDIC/WP-2 as a partial response to EDIC/Intelligence Request No. 14. Subsequent inquiry had determined that there was little possibility at present of developing further information on this subject.

Action:

It was agreed that EDIC would not undertake further investigation of this subject.

10. Decontrolled Commodities (EDIC/AM-16)

Discussion:

Miss Worthing reported that the OIR study on decontrolled commodities had been completed in draft form and that the final version would be available shortly.

The Chairman announced that [REDACTED] would be the CIA 25X1A9a representative to the Working Group on Trade in Decontrolled Commodities.

Action:

The Committee agreed that the Working Group on Decontrolled Commodities would review the OIR paper on this subject.

11. Meeting Place

A possible rotation of meeting place was discussed. It was agreed to continue meeting at the present location.

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